



CIDER

Resource Center

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Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2008

The Center for Information Dissemination and Education Resources (CIDER) was established in June 2004 as an HSR&D national resource center. Our mission is to improve the health and care of veterans by disseminating important findings and information from HSR&D research to policy makers, managers, clinicians, and researchers throughout VA and the larger health care community. With a talented and experienced staff, CIDER focuses on continuously enhancing and improving HSR&D's dissemination efforts and effectiveness.

The strategic goals of CIDER are:

1. To expand HSR&D's capacity to disseminate health services research findings and information in a timely way to managers, policy makers, clinicians, and researchers;
2. To continuously improve dissemination strategies and activities incorporating appropriate technologies and cost effectiveness; and
3. To serve the ongoing dissemination needs of HSR&D, including responding to special inquiries for information and reporting from sources such as the Under Secretary for Health's Office, the executive branch, or Congress.

CIDER has built an infrastructure that supports numerous dissemination efforts and vehicles.

Working closely with HSR&D Central Office (CO), we identify key dissemination activities. In addition to ongoing communications, we hold an annual meeting with HSR&D CO leadership to select important topic areas of focus, as well as to plan for large-scale dissemination activities such as State-of-the-Art conferences.

FY 08 was a productive year for CIDER. We planned and implemented the 2008 HSR&D National Meeting and the Career Development Meeting; we enhanced the on-line abstract submission and review process for these meetings as well as successfully piloted the credit card payment feature for meeting fee payment; we planned, designed, and produced all meeting materials including the agenda/abstract book; we coordinated and continue planning for the QUERI National Meeting; we coordinated publication of a special supplement to the Journal of General Internal Medicine that included background papers from the State of the Art Conference (SOTA) on Managing Complexity in Chronic Care; we planned and implemented a SOTA on Traumatic Brain Injury and are coordinating publication of commissioned SOTA background papers in a special supplement of the Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development; we produced 148 HSR&D Publication Briefs for VHA Senior Leadership; we collaborated with the HSR&D Resource Centers to conduct 31 Cyber Seminars, and an additional 5 QUERI Implementation cyber seminars which included training, scheduling, and recording of all sessions; we successfully transitioned the Cyber Seminars program from the WebEx platform to the new Microsoft Live Meeting platform; we further enhanced the HSR&D electronic proposal review process; we edited 53 articles for the on-line journal Implementation Science and participated in on-going editorial decision making; we had a CIDER Cyber Seminars poster accepted for the AcademyHealth meeting; we coordinated an HSR&D session at the Quality and Innovations Forum for the May NLB meeting; we held a FORUM Editorial Board meeting and planned and published 3 issues of FORUM, HSR&D's newsletter; we developed, published, and distributed a Primer on the TIDES collaborative care model for depression; developed a new product for QUERI groups, QUERI eNews, and produced and distributed 3 issues; we distributed 12 issues of

HSR&D eNews; we produced 3 Management eBriefs; we revised the SMRB orientation product; we contributed HSR&D impacts to ORD products and to the Central Office Research Day event; we formatted and posted 3 Evidence-Based Synthesis Program reports to the web; we managed and continuously updated the HSR&D and R&D web sites; and we contributed HSR&D findings and information to numerous print and electronic products including HSR&D Research Briefs, ORD's newsletter Research Currents, SGIM's newsletter Forum, and the AcademyHealth Partners Newsletter. In addition, we continue to enhance our electronic mailing list capability as well as develop other distribution strategies.

New and innovative projects that CIDER is currently working on for FY09 include:

CIDER is producing three short videos (women's health, collaborative care for depression, and the Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) program) for use on VA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and HSR&D websites. The purpose of the videos is to inform and educate the wider VA community, particularly facility managers, about current HSR&D research, and how that research can be of value in implementing new healthcare initiatives, either within a facility or VISN-wide. The videos also target the general public with an eye toward informing them about how research directly impacts and improves care for our veterans.

CIDER is working with all of the QUERI Coordinating Centers to migrate their individual web sites into one central QUERI web site that will go live in FY09.

CIDER is conducting an assessment of our dissemination strategies. Working with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute, we have developed a study to assess the effectiveness of our dissemination strategies and explore implications. Semi-structured interviews with 20-25 representatives of our client groups will be conducted. Of special interest are appropriateness, accessibility, and timeliness of our dissemination efforts.